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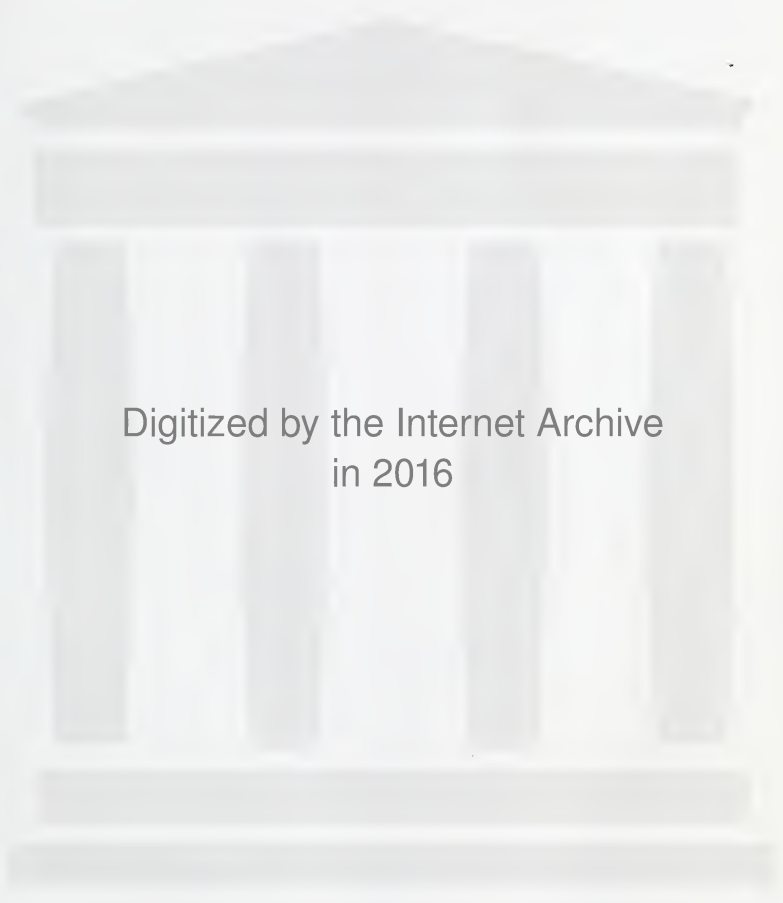
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The study of history of late years has been directed so largely to an examination of the social aspects of the development of communities and states that whatever throws light on this phase of the growth of society is gladly welcomed by students.

In the earliest days of our country provision was made by local laws and ordinances for the preservation of records of births, marriages, and deaths. These records were not kept accurately nor fully, and probably in a majority of cases they have not been preserved. In many, if not in most of the early churches, it was enjoined upon the clergy or on the parish clerks to keep similar records, but there was much laxity in observing the rule. Hence the obvious importance of taking stock of such records as still exist, and of listing those that have been printed, as a guide to persons desiring the help such material affords, to the historian, the sociologist, or the genealogist.

In seeking material for a volume or more of *Marriage Records*, to be published in the series known as the *New Jersey Archives*, the writer made extensive inquiries regarding the existence and condition of church records in New Jersey, particularly in the northern part of the State. Some of the information thus acquired has been embodied in Volume XXII of the *Archives*, published in 1903, which contains 678 pages of marriage records from various sources. As the subject may have a

wider interest to many who are not at present concerned in the records of marriages, it may be worth while to present herewith an account of some of the early church records in the State.

The early Dutch churches as a rule were scrupulously careful to keep and preserve in the church archives registers of baptisms and marriages. The churches of other denominations not only were not so particular, but when the records were made they were often regarded as the private property of the pastors, and were carried away by them on their removal to other charges.

The first Reformed (Dutch) church in New Jersey was that at Bergen, dating back to 1662. Its records of baptisms, marriages, deaths, and members, from 1664-1666 to date are remarkably complete. This was in 1800 the only church within the present Hudson County.

Bergen County had a number of churches in 1800, as follows: Hackensack, established in 1686; its records of baptisms, marriages (lacking 1753-1789), communicants, elders, and deacons are well kept, beginning with the original parchment-bound volume. Schraalenburgh, 1724; similar records. Ponds (originally *te Noorde*, "at the North," now Oakland), 1710; records destroyed about 1865, by fire. Paramus, 1725; no marriage records have been preserved before 1790. The baptismal records extend back to about 1740. They were kept in a peculiar fashion—the names of the children baptized were arranged neither chronologically nor by families, but in the alphabetical order of their Christian names; that is, all the Abrahams, Aarons, Andrews, etc., are grouped together, followed by the Benjamins, the Davids, the Edwards, etc. The system is the despair of the genealogist, who must look over every page, regardless of dates, to be sure he has not overlooked a name he seeks. This custom was followed in other Dutch churches in the eighteenth century. English Neighborhood (now Ridgefield), 1770; no records prior to 1812. Saddle River Reformed (Dutch), at Pascack, about 1784, under one consistory until 1789 with the Paramus Church, and with the same ministry until 1814; no early records preserved. Ramapo

(Mahwah) Reformed (Dutch), 1785. New Prospect Methodist Episcopal, about 1795; no early records.

In Essex County there were these churches previous to 1800, in the chronological order given: First Presbyterian, of Newark, 1667; Reformed (Dutch) at Second River (Belleville), 1700; Orange Presbyterian, about 1719; Reformed (Dutch) at Fairfield, 1720; Trinity (Episcopal), of Newark, about 1743; Christ (Episcopal), Belleville, about 1755; Lyons Farms Baptist, 1769; Caldwell Presbyterian, about 1780; Northfield Baptist, 1788; Bloomfield Presbyterian, 1798. The writer has been unable to discover any early baptismal or marriage records of any of these churches except the incomplete registers of the Belleville Reformed Church (members, 1726-1786; marriages, 1730-1774, 1794 to date; baptisms, 1727 to date; consistories, 1726 to date); and those of the Lyons Farms Baptist Church. All the records of the First Presbyterian Church existing at the time of the Revolution are understood to have been lost or destroyed in that troublous period, and the writer has been informed that the church possesses no baptismal or marriage registers earlier than 1850. The Rev. Dr. Alexander Macwhorter was pastor of the church, 1759-1807; his day-book for the years 1796 to 1807, which came into the possession of the New Jersey Historical Society in 1903, contains brief memoranda of marriages celebrated by him in those years. The records of the Fairfield Church are believed to have been destroyed in the fire which consumed the parsonage about 1875. The records of Trinity Church in the eighteenth century were examined some years since by the writer, who found them to be very fragmentary, with no baptismal or marriage registers among them. The session records of the First Presbyterian Church of Orange are understood to have been destroyed by fire in 1802. Those in existence begin January 30, 1803.

In what is now Passaic County, there were only three churches in 1800: The Acquackanonk Reformed Dutch (now First Reformed, Passaic), formed in 1693; records of baptisms, marriages, and members from 1726; consistories from 1694. About 1875 there came to light in an old attic a small hair-trunk full of old papers, all in Dutch, relating to the church, among



them a small book, made by stitching a quire or two of paper together, setting forth the collections taken up in the church at successive services, beginning in 1693. Until that discovery the organization of the church had been dated from 1694. Totowa Reformed Dutch (now First Reformed, Peterson), 1754; baptismal records from 1755; marriages and members, from 1827. Macopin (now Echo Lake) Roman Catholic, about 1760 (the first Roman Catholic church in New Jersey or New York); no early records known to exist, the church being served by missionary priests from Philadelphia.

The present Union County had churches in 1800 as follows: First Presbyterian, Elizabeth, dating from about 1665; its records were destroyed during the Revolution, but the sexton's register of burials, from about 1768, is extant. St. John's Episcopal Church, Elizabeth, about 1706; records very incomplete. Scotch Plains (or Fanwood) Baptist, 1742; the early records are quite imperfect; marriage records, 1758-1761. Rahway Presbyterian, about 1741-2; records prior to 1795 lost. Rahway Friends' Meeting, 1686, records well preserved. Westfield Presbyterian, about 1727; records from 1759 quite complete. Connecticut Farms (now Union) Presbyterian, about 1725-30; records destroyed when the church was burned by the British in 1780. New Providence (originally Turkey Christian) Presbyterian, 1737; few early records. Springfield Presbyterian, 1745; early records destroyed when the church was burned by the British, in 1780. First Methodist Episcopal, Plainfield, about 1786. Plainfield Friends' Meeting, erected in 1788. First Methodist Episcopal, Rahway, about 1790; minutes from 1798. New Providence Methodist Episcopal, 1798; minutes from 1801.

In Middlesex County, there were quite a number of religious organizations in 1800, the following being an approximately complete list: First Presbyterian, Woodbridge, 1669; church erected between 1674-1681; considerable early records. Trinity Protestant Episcopal, Woodbridge, organized 1711; church erected shortly after, although not completed until 1717. Friends' Monthly Meeting, 1686, begun at Amboy and continued at Woodbridge after 1689. Piscataway Baptist Church



organized 1689. Piscataway Seventh Day Baptist, organized 1705, when the records begin; quite imperfect. St. James's Protestant Episcopal Church, Piscataway, organized 1714, or earlier; church built between 1714 and 1724. Samptown (now New Brooklyn) Baptist Church, 1792. St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church, Perth Amboy, 1699; church built about the same time by the East Jersey Proprietors; considerable early records of minutes, etc. First Reformed, New Brunswick, about 1703; early consistorial records; quite imperfect. First Presbyterian Church, New Brunswick, 1726 or earlier; records for the first half century supposed to have been lost in the Revolution. Christ Church (Protestant Episcopal), New Brunswick, about 1741-1742; church erected 1744. Shiloh Baptist Church, charter 1799; church erected in 1811. St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church, Spotswood, erected 1757-1759. Friends' Weekly Meeting, Raritan Township, 1725; removed 1787 to Plainfield. Metuchen Presbyterian Church, organized about 1763, as the Second Presbyterian Church of Woodbridge; records begin in 1784. Cranbury First Presbyterian Church, organized 1738 or 1739; church erected 1740; records only from 1790, from which time they are quite full.

Monmouth County was settled at an early date by Presbyterians, Baptists, and Friends, and in 1800 had the following religious organizations within its present limits: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Freehold, originally at Topanemus, organized about 1702; church erected in 1736, or earlier; no early records preserved. Upper Freehold Baptist Church, organized 1765. Methodist Episcopal Church at Blue Ball, near Freehold, about 1780. Middletown Baptist, organized 1668; the church possesses the manuscript sermons and the library of the Rev. Abel Morgan, pastor of the church, 1733-1785. Christ Protestant Episcopal Church of Middletown, formed before 1735. Presbyterian Church at Middletown, before 1706. Friends' Meeting, Shrewsbury, 1672-1673; now Shrewsbury Monthly Meeting. Christ Church, Shrewsbury, formed 1702-1703; under the same government as Christ Church, Middletown, down to 1854; church built about 1715; records before 1733 are lost. Presbyterian Church, Shrewsbury, organized about 1705, or

earlier. Christ Church, Allentown, about 1730; records lost during the Revolution; congregation much scattered for many years. Allentown Presbyterian Church, about 1722. Nottingham Presbyterian Church, in 1778, under one session with Allentown; records understood to have been carried away by a former pastor, and to have been destroyed at the burning of his house in New Brunswick about 1796-1797. Upper Freehold Baptist Church, 1766; known as Crosswicks Baptist Church for several years. Robins' Friends' Meeting House, built 1738; in 1776 known as Upper Freehold Preparative Meeting. Jacobstown Baptist Church, 1785. Inday's Hill Methodist Episcopal Church, 1790; church erected same year. Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Church, at Blue Ball, formed about 1780; scanty early records. First Presbyterian Church of Millstone, begun about 1785, but not organized until about forty years later. Old Tennent Presbyterian Church, at Tennent, erected in 1692, having organized somewhat before that date. Marlboro Reformed Dutch Church, formed in 1709, originally "Freehold and Middletown" United Church; separated in 1825; records well preserved. Holmdel Baptist Church, 1668, in connection with the Middletown Baptist Church; originally known as the Baptisttown or Upper Meeting House, or Upper Congregation; some early records of church meetings. Reformed Church of Holmdel; originally part of the Brick Church of Marlboro, from which it was separated in 1825. Matawan Presbyterian Church (originally Middletown Point), united with Shrewsbury in calling a pastor in 1766. Shark River Village Presbyterian Church, erected before 1784; abandoned soon after 1803. Branchburg Methodist Episcopal Church, about 1790; church erected about that time. Branchburg Independent Methodist Church, about 1790.

Somerset County had these churches in 1800: First Reformed Church of Raritan (Somerville), 1699. Bound Brook Presbyterian Church, organized about 1725. St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church at Germantown, organized about 1742; some records from 1749. Presbyterian Church at Lammington, organized about 1740; church built 1743. Bedminster Reformed Dutch Church, 1758; church built 1759 or 1760; registers from

1801. Presbyterian Church of Basking Ridge, 1720 to 1725; few records. Neshanic Reformed Dutch Church, 1752. Hillsboro (originally New Millstone) Reformed Dutch Church, 1766; Baptismal register begins in 1767. Six-Mile-Run Reformed Dutch Church, 1717; register of Baptisms begins in 1787; Minutes of the Consistory, with the first register, were burned in the house of the Clerk of the Consistory in 1796. Presbyterian Church at Kingston, formed in 1732 or earlier. Reformed Church of Harlingen, formed in 1727; first known as the "Church over the Millstone" until 1766; for many years known as the Sourland Church; changed in 1801 to Harlingen. The Coetus erected a church at the same place in 1749; the records of both churches have been well preserved. Baptist Church at Mt. Bethel, 1767; minutes have been fairly well preserved from that date.

The following is an approximately full statement of religious organizations in Hunterdon County in 1800: Presbyterian Church, Flemington, organized in 1791; records fairly well preserved. Amwell First Presbyterian Church, at Reaville, organized between 1715 and 1733; some fragmentary records from 1776. Flemington Baptist Church, organized about 1765; church erected 1766. United First Church of Amwell, at East Amwell, organized about 1745; church built 1749; established as "The High Dutch Calvinistical or Presbeiterian Church"; changed in 1800 to "German Presbyterian Church of Amwell"; in 1809 to "Amwell Dutch Reformed Church", and in 1810 to "United First Church of Amwell"; formerly united (until 1811) with the Amwell First Presbyterian Church; records from 1763 to 1823 lost about the latter date; few of the earliest records preserved. Baptist Church of Kingwood, at Locktown, 1745; church built 1750. Baptist Church near Baptisttown, organized about 1738; church erected 1741. Presbyterian Church of Kingwood, formerly known as Mt. Bethel Presbyterian Church, organized before 1745. St. Thomas's Church of Alexandria, about 1725; "but few of the early records can now be found." Friends' Meeting at Quakertown, organized before 1733; records more or less complete from 1744. Spruce Run Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1744 or 1745; "the only (early) record left

is that of baptisms." Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in New Germantown, 1745 or earlier; "the earliest records go back no further than 1767." First Presbyterian Church of Fairmount, originally called the "Fox Hill" Church, formed before 1746; a German Reformed Church at first, but with preaching by pastors of the Lutheran Churches in the vicinity; in 1813 became connected with the Presbytery of New Brunswick. Reformed Dutch Church of Readington; church built 1719-1720. Reformed Dutch Church of Rockaway, Readington township, organized 1792; originally called the "Potterstown" Church. Presbyterian Church at Bethlehem, about 1730. Lebanon Reformed Dutch Church, about 1740; originally German Reformed; in 1812 became Reformed Dutch.

In Morris County there were the following churches in 1800: the dates of organization are appended in each case. First Presbyterian Church, Morristown (formerly West Hanover), 1738 to 1740. Morristown Baptist Church, 1752; few early records. Flanders Methodist Episcopal Church, about 1766. Mt. Olive Baptist, 1758. Succasunna Presbyterian, about 1745; the records prior to 1817 are lost. Evangelical Lutheran Church, German Valley, about 1747; united with the Zion Church at Germantown, Hunterden County. Presbyterian Church at Madison (formerly Bottle Hill), 1747; minutes of annual meetings of the congregation preserved from 1757; other records were lost in 1795. Congregational Church at Chester. Presbyterian Church (formerly Black River) at Chester. Presbyterian Church at Mendham; minutes of trustees, from 1766. Presbyterian Church at Parsippany, 1760. Presbyterian Church at Hanover.

Sussex County was settled later than the foregoing counties, but had quite a number of churches in 1800, as follows: Christ Protestant Episcopal Church at Newton, 1769. Presbyterian Church at Newton, 1787. Papakating Presbyterian Church, organized about 1740, at "Beemer Meeting House"; afterwards Congregational; united in 1844 with the Second Presbyterian Church of Wantage, at Beemerville; set off in 1882 as the Papakating Presbyterian Church. First Presbyterian Church of Wantage, 1787, organized as a Reformed Dutch Church,

known as "Clove Church"; merged in the First Presbyterian Church of Wantage, 1817. Minisink Reformed Dutch Church at Montague, 1737; minutes of Consistory and register of baptisms from 1737. Shapanack Reformed Dutch Church at Walpack, built about 1770; united with Hardwick (Newton) Presbyterian Church, 1786. Papakating Baptist, about 1770. Presbyterian Church at Stillwater, built in 1771, by German Lutherans and German Calvinists; Reformed Dutch, 1816-1822; Presbyterian Church from 1822. Frankford Plains Methodist Episcopal Church, about 1780. Baptist Church of Augusta, about 1790; long since abandoned. First Presbyterian Church in Hardyston, 1786; no records before 1805. First Baptist Church of Wantage, "Papakating Meeting House", organized 1777 as the "Baptist Church of Wantage, Hardyston, and Newton"; present title since 1782. North Presbyterian Church of Hardyston, originally known as "Cary's Meeting House", believed to have been formed before the Revolution, though not formally constituted till later; under one session with the First Church of Hardyston until 1819.

In Warren County there were the following churches in 1800: Mansfield-Woodhouse Presbyterian Church, now in Washington Borough, about 1739; in 1822 known as the Mansfield Presbyterian Church, now the First Presbyterian Church of Washington; minutes from 1787. First Presbyterian Church of Independence, Hackettstown, organized before 1764, when it received a deed for its property; earliest records lost; minutes preserved from 1785. First Presbyterian Church at Greenwich, organized about 1739; church erected between 1740 and 1744; Session records from 1803. St. James's Evangelical Lutheran Church, organized about 1750; records of communicants from about 1760. Presbyterian Church at Oxford, about 1740-1745. St. James's Protestant Episcopal Church, Knowlton, erected in 1784. Knowlton Presbyterian Church; taken under care of Presbytery in 1775; the church was originally organized under the title of the "First English and German Congregation in Knowlton." Yellow Frame Presbyterian Church, organized about 1763; in 1782 became the Hardwick Presbyterian Church; incorporated in 1841 as

the First Presbyterian Church of Hardwick; changed in 1869 to the Yellow Frame Presbyterian Church; the church records previous to 1823 were destroyed by fire. Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, organized about 1783; no records of its organization or later progress known to exist; church erected in 1800.

It is a monotonous history of disaster to church records thus enumerated—"destroyed by fire," and emphasizes the importance of printing such records, which multiplies and so preserves them beyond the chance of destruction.

In this connection the work of the Holland Society of New York, and of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, is worthy of commendation. The former has published all the records of the Hackensack and Schraalenburgh churches to 1800. It is expected that others will follow. The latter Society, organized so late as 1892, has procured copies of the records of most of the Friends' Meetings and of several churches of various denominations in the southern part of New Jersey, and has them bound in stout quarto volumes, well indexed, which are preserved in the fireproof rooms of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia.

The following is a partial list of records of New Jersey churches and Friends' meetings, and also of some other records, with notes of such as have been published:¹

Acquaackanonk Reformed (Dutch) Church. See Passaic.

Alexandria. *Parish Register of the German Reformed Church of Alexandria, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, 1763-1802*, by Henry Race, M. D., Flemington, 1900. Svo, pp. 17. History of the Church, Parish Register, 1763-1801, pp. 1, 2; confirmations, 1769-1782, p. 2; marriages (five), 1796-1801, p. 2; baptismal records, in tabular form, accurately trans-

¹In the compilation of these data special acknowledgments are due to Mr. O. B. Leonard, of Plainfield, for assistance in procuring information as to the Baptist churches; and to Dr. John R. Stevenson, of Haddonfield, who placed at the writer's disposal his voluminous material relating particularly to Friends' records. Thanks should be given, also, to that overworked class of men, the pastors of the various churches, who have so readily responded to the writer's requests for information. Additions to and corrections of these data will be gladly received by the author.

cribed from the original records, with date of birth, date of baptism, name of child, names of parents, names of witnesses, 1763-1801, pp. 3-17. Reprinted from *The Jacobites*, Flemington, Vol. III, pp. 37-53. Copy of the records also in Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania.

Alexandria. St. Thomas's Church. See Amwell.

Allentown. Christ Protestant Episcopal. Baptisms, 1866 to date; marriages, 1867 to date; deaths, 1866 to date; communicants, 1883 to date; no records of the vestry or trustees. Old records lost.

Allentown. Presbyterian Church. Baptisms, 1774-1778 (in private hands?); the church has other records of later date.

Amboy. Friends' records. See Rahway.

Amwell, Kingwood, Ringoes, and Musconetcong (Church of England). "Reverend William Frazer: Marriage Record, 1768-1795; Baptismal Record, 1768-1772."—*Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, Vol. XII, p. 212.

Ashtown. Presbyterian. Minutes of Trustees, 1763-1815, and later records to date; early Session Records missing; Members, 1894 to date; Baptisms and Marriages, 1751-1787, kept in the pastor's private day-book; later records in possession of the Church.

Belleville. Reformed (Dutch). Baptisms, Births, Marriages, and Membership, 1794-1827.—*Proceedings New Jersey Historical Society*, Third Series, Vol. I, pp. 118-196; Vol. II, pp. 65-72, 131-144, 177-185. Marriages, 1739-1774, 1794-1839.—*New Jersey Archives*, Vol. XXII, pp. 696-619. A copy of the original records: Members, 1726-1786; Marriages, 1739-1774; Baptisms, 1727-1794; Consistories, 1726-1793, is in the Holland Society of New York.

Bellville. Tombstone Inscriptions, MS. 1847. Pp. 16. In New Jersey Historical Society.

Bergen County Clerk's Marriage Records, 1795-1800.—*New Jersey Archives*, Vol. XXII, pp. 553-554.

Bergen. Reformed (Dutch). Marriages, Baptisms, Deaths, 1665-1850. In Winfield's *Land Titles of Hudson County*, New York, 1872, Vol. I, pp. 329-419. Merely gives names and dates. Marriages, 1664-1801.—*New Jersey Archives*, Vol. XXII, pp. 555-581. In the latter publication the full entry is given as in the original record, describing the place of origin or residence of the parties, whether bachelor or spinster, or widowed, etc.

Bethlehem. See Lamington.

Boonton. Reformed (Dutch). See Montville.

Bound Brook. Presbyterian. Very few of the earliest records preserved; those from 1748 to 1793 also lost.

Brick Church, Marlborough. See Marlboro.

Bridgeton. First Presbyterian. Session Records, from 1805 to date; Trustees' Records, 1774 to date; Baptisms, 1805 to date; Marriages, 1805 to date; Deaths, 1795 to date; Members, 1795 to date.

Burlington. Friends' Yearly Meeting. Minutes, 1704-1783. In possession of Miss Sarah Nicholson, Haddonfield.

Burlington. Friends' Monthly Meeting. Minutes, 1678-1850; Marriages, 1678-1827; Births and deaths, 1677-1885; Women's Minutes, 1681-1871. Preparative Meeting, Births and Deaths, 1749-1845; Lists of Members, 1805 and 1831. Original Records in Friends' Library, Philadelphia.

Burlington, Mt. Holly, and Quakertown. Friends' Monthly Meetings, 1678-1872. Births, Marriages, Deaths. Copy (in one volume) in Gen. Society Pa.

Burlington. St. Mary's Church (Protestant Episcopal). Records, 1703 to date. Baptisms, Marriages, Deaths, etc., 1703-1836. There are frequent lacunae.—*Publications of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania*, Vol. II (1899), pp. 241-362. These records were copied for the New Jersey Historical Society, but for the purpose of publication were placed at the disposal of the sister Pennsylvania Society. Tombstone Inscriptions. Copies in N. J. Hist. Soc.

Bushkill, Pa., now part of the Lower Walpack Congregation. See Walpack.

Cape May. First Baptist Church, organized 1712. Minutes, sparse to 1800; Baptisms, sparse to 1800; Marriages, none; Deaths, occasional.

Cape May. Friends' Quarterly Meeting. Women's Minutes, 1707-1848. See Gloucester, Salem, and Cape May.

Cape May. Friends' Monthly Meeting. See Great Egg Harbor and Cape May.

Chester (Burlington County). Friends' Monthly Meeting. Minutes, 1827-1898; Births and Deaths, 1828-1880. Women's Minutes, 1804-1831. Original Records in Friends' Library, Philadelphia.

Chester (Morris County). Congregational. Session Records, about 1787 to date; Trustees' Records, none; Baptisms, 1875 to date; Marriages, 1875 to date; Deaths, 1875 to date; Members, 1875 to date, including some who joined as early as 1842.

Chesterfield (Burlington County). Friends' Monthly Meeting. Marriage Records, 1686-1800.—*N. J. Archives*, Vol. XXII, pp. 650-678. Marriages, 1685-1830.—*Penna. Mag. of History and Biography*, Vol. IX, pp. 347-352. Records, about 1696-1870. Copy in Gen. Soc. Pa.

Chew's Landing. St. John's Church (Protestant Episcopal). Minutes, 1789-1836; Baptisms, 1790-1836; Marriages, 1793-1836; Burials, 1790-1879.

Cohansey. Baptist Church, organized 1690. Minutes, lost to 1800; Baptisms, partial to 1800; Marriages, none; Deaths, partial.

Cold Spring. Presbyterian Church Tombstone Inscriptions.—In *Historical Address on the 175th Anniversary of the Cold Spring Presbyterian Church, Cape May County, delivered September 26th, 1889*, by Rev. Daniel

Lawrence Hughes. Cape May City, 1889. Chronological list of persons buried at Cold Spring Cemetery (arranged alphabetically), pp. 41-59.

Colestown. St. Mary's Church (Protestant Episcopal). Church, 36 feet by 30 feet, was erected in 1751. Deed, August 5, 1776, Kendal Coles of Waterford to Benjamin Vanleer and William Rudroe, Wardens "for the church commonly called Cole's church, in the township aforesaid," containing one acre, "for a church and a burying ground, and none other purpose whatsoever." The church later became known as St. Mary's Church, Colestown. It was closed during part of the Revolutionary War, having furnished to the Continental Army its rector, the Rev. Robert Blackwell, M. D., D. D., three captains, and one ensign. The church was burned November 7, 1899. Minutes, 1795-1830; Baptisms, 1787-1825; Marriages, 1795-1796; Burials, 1794-1796. Some burial records, 1766-1830, are found in the MS. notes of Asa Mathlack, a local historian, two miles from Colestown. Copy in Gen. Soc. Pa.

Cranbury. Presbyterian. No records before 1790; quite full from that date.

Dingmans Ferry, Pa., now part of the Upper Walpack Reformed Congregation. See Walpack.

Elizabeth. St. John's Church (Protestant Episcopal). Minutes of vestry, 1762 to date. Baptisms, Marriages, etc., with frequent gaps, 1750 to date. Charter of incorporation, July 20, 1762, in *History of St. John's Church, Elizabeth Town, N. J., from the year 1763 to the present time*, by Samuel A. Clark, Rector. Philadelphia and New York, 1857. pp. 89-96.

Elizabeth Town. Patent of incorporation to Stephen Crane, Cornelius Hetfield, Jonathan Dayton, Isaac Woodruff, Matthias Baldwin, Moses Ogden and Benjamin Winans, as "The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth Town." August 25, 1753.—Liber C2 of Commissions, pp. 323-326, in the Secretary of State's office, Trenton.¹ Printed in *Notes, Historical and Biographical, concerning Elizabeth-town, its Eminent Men, Churches and Ministers*, by (the Rev. Dr.) Nicholas Murray,

¹The course of Gov. Jonathan Belcher in granting patents of incorporation to religious bodies not of the Church of England was severely criticised by members of the latter denomination. A writer in a Philadelphia newspaper, in 1768, says: "During a late Administration, the Province of New-Jersey, saw and felt the Effects of Presbyterian Power; her seats of justice, &c. Commissions of the Peace, were preferably conferred upon them; their Meeting houses, which now they affect to call churches, were every where incorporated, while Charters were denied, not only to Churches [meaning of the Church of England, or Protestant Episcopal], as by Law established, but to other Dissenters, who had equal right with Presbyterians." And see *N. J. Archives*, Vol. XVIII, pp. 269, 276-8, 283-4, for a legal opinion in 1772 as to the legal status of the Presbyterian clergy in the Colonies.

Elizabeth-town, 1844, pp. 62-69. Dr. Murray, in this work, says that "the records of the Trustees extend back upwards of one hundred years, yet contain little beyond the mere details of business." "The other records of the church do not reach further back than the ministry of Dr. Kollock" (1800).

Elizabeth. *Inscriptions on Tombstones and Monuments in the Burying Grounds of the First Presbyterian Church and St. John's Church, 1664-1892.* New Haven, Conn., 1893. Svo. Pp. 355.

Essex County Clerk's Marriage Records, 1795-1800.—*New Jersey Archives*, Vol. XXII, pp. 582-598.

Evesham. Friends' Monthly Meeting. Minutes, 1760-1839; Marriages, 1760-1794; Births and Deaths, 1713-1883. Women's Minutes, 1760-1843. Original Records in Friends' Library, Philadelphia.

Falton. Presbyterian. Session Records, 1807 to date; Trustees' Records, 1775 to date; Baptisms, December 3, 1789, to January, 1846 (1,126), and thence to date; marriages, 1789 to 1846 (725), and thence to date; deaths, 1789 to 1846 (1,638), and thence to date.

Flanders. Tombstone Inscriptions, 1855 (124). In N. J. Hist. Soc.

Flanders. Methodist Episcopal. Minutes of Deacons, from 1789 to date; Minutes of Trustees, from October 3, 1789 (date of organization), to date; Baptisms, December 3, 1842, to date; Marriages, November 6, 1843, to date; Deaths, January 5, 1843, to date; Members, 1842 to date.

Flatbrookville, now part of the Lower Walpack Congregation. See Walpack.

Flemington. Baptist Church. Minutes, 1798 to date, including members and baptisms; no marriages; a very few deaths. A typewritten copy of these records, 1798-1867, is in the possession of H. E. Deats, Flemington.

Freehold. Patent of incorporation to John Campbell, William Nichols, Joseph Throckmorton, Job Throckmorton, Joseph Newton, James Anderson, Thomas Hankinson, Matthew Rew, James Dey, Kenneth Anderson, William Madlock, and the rest of the inhabitants of the town of Freehold in communion with the Church of England, as "The Minister, Church Wardens and Vestry of St. Peter's Church in the Town of Freehold," June 4th, 1736.—Liber C2 of Commissions, pp. 92-96, in the Secretary of State's office, Trenton.

Freehold. Old Tennent (Presbyterian) Church. See Tennent.

Freehold. Reformed (Dutch). See Marlboro.

Freehold. St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal. The parish work was begun in 1702; the parish was incorporated June 4, 1736. All the early records were lost, having been taken by one of the rectors of the Revolutionary War period, who was drowned in crossing the St. Lawrence River, and it is supposed that the records were lost with him. The subsequent records, until 1837, were greatly neglected. The church now has the following: Rector's records, from 1837 to date; Vestry Minutes,

1837 to date ; Baptisms, 1837 to date ; Marriages, 1841 to date ; Deaths, 1837 to date ; Communicants, 1837 to date.

Gloucester, Salem and Cape May Counties. Friends' Quarterly Meeting. Women's Minutes, Vol. I, 1707-1780 ; Vol. II, 1781-1814 ; Vol. III, 1815-1848. In possession of Miss Sarah Nicholson, Haddonfield.

Good Luck. Tombstone Inscriptions, 1903. In N. J. Hist. Soc.

Great Egg Harbor and Cape May. Friends' Monthly Meeting. Minutes, 1726-1843 ; Marriages, 1809-1837 ; Births and Deaths, 1693-1841. Women's Minutes, 1788-1893. Original Records in Friends' Library, Philadelphia.

Greenwich (Cumberland County). Friends' Monthly Meeting. Minutes, 1784-1893 ; Marriages, 1784-1892 ; Births and Deaths, 1877-1885. Women's Minutes, 1814-1847, 1859-1893. Original Records in Friends' Library, Philadelphia.

Greenwich (Warren County). St. James Evangelical Lutheran. Session Records, from 1769 to date ; Trustees' Records, none ; perhaps included in Session Records ; Baptisms, 1778 to date ; Marriages, 1780 to date ; Deaths, 1838 to date ; Communicants, 1894 to date.

Hackensack. A French Huguenot Church is believed to have existed at or near Hackensack, about 1683-1696, but no records have been found. "The French burying ground" is still pointed out.

Hackensack. Nine selected tombstone inscriptions with notes. In N. J. Hist. Soc.

Hackensack. Reformed (Dutch). Marriages, baptisms, communicants, officers, 1686-1801.—*Collections Holland Society*. Vol. I, New York, 1891. 8vo, pp. 349. Marriages, 1695-1800, in alphabetical order.—*N. J. Archives*, Vol. XXII, pp. 467-514.

Hackensack and Schraalenburgh. Patent of incorporation (guaranteeing freedom of worship, etc.) to (Rev.) Johannes Hendricus Goetschius, Minister of the said Reformed Protestant Dutch Churches in Bergen County, Abraham La Roe, Sibe W. Banta, Albert Voorhees, Jacobus Huyman, Abraham Lydecker, Barent Kool, David Ben: De Morest, Sibe Dirike Banta, John Brouwar, Albert Banta, Dirk Laskier, Isaac Vander Beek, Andrew Van Order, Ert Kuyper, Jacob Cole, and Jacob Quakkenbos, and all such as now are and hereafter shall be admitted into communion of the said United Protestant Dutch Churches at Hackensack and Schraalenburgh, as "The Minister, Elders and Deacons of the two United Protestant Dutch Churches of Hackensack and Schraalenburgh, in the county of Bergen and province of New Jersey," October 28, 1765.—*Liber C2 of Commissions*, pp. 274-284, in Secretary of State's office, Trenton.

Hackensack and vicinity. Lutheran Church. Many marriages and baptisms are recorded in the books of St. Matthew's Evangelical (Lutheran) Church, New York City. The substance of the records of this church, from 1704-1772, and baptisms, 1704-1723, are given in the *Year*

Book of the Holland Society of New York, for 1903, pages 4-53, with index to names, pp. 94-115. In the record of St. Matthew's Church, under date of October 31, 1776, is this entry :

"Whereas the circumstances of the country church at Hackingsack are so deplorable and bad that, from all appearances, its condition is continually growing worse, therefore it was deemed necessary to transfer the church register in this our N. Y. church book so that in case of accident the memory of the same shall not be forgotten."

See New Bridge.

Hackettstown. First Presbyterian. Records of Session and Trustees, March, 1764 to date; Baptisms, February, 1829 to date; Deaths, 1867 to date; Marriages, January, 1839, to date; Members, 1812 to date. There are a few gaps in the above records.

Haddonfield. Baptist Church. Minutes, 1817-1850; Baptisms, 1818-1885; Marriages, 1815-1850; Burials, 1834-1846. A branch of the above church at Newton, Camden County, has Minutes, 1843-1856; no baptisms, marriages, or deaths.

Haddonfield (formerly Newton). Friends' Monthly Meeting. Minutes, 1710-1863; Marriages, 1681-1886; Births and Deaths, 1690-1884. Original Records in Friends' Library, Philadelphia.

Haddonfield. Friends' Monthly Meeting. Women's Minutes, Vol. I, 1705-1769; Vol. II, to date. A large part of the first book is in the handwriting of Elizabeth Estauigh, née Haddon, founder of Haddonfield. There are no regular statistics in these books, but notes of persons marrying out of meeting, a few obituary notices, etc. In the possession of Miss Sarah Nicholson, Haddonfield.

Haddonfield. Grace Church (Protestant Episcopal). Minutes, 1812 to date; baptisms, 1843 to date; Marriages, 1849 to date; Burials, 1859 to date.

Haddonfield. Methodist Episcopal Church. Minutes, 1853 to date; Baptisms, 1853 to date; Marriages, 1852 to date; Burials, 1859 to date.

Hamburg and Deckertown. Ten Tombstone Inscriptions. In N. J. Hist. Soc.

Hanover (now Whippany). Presbyterian Church. *Church Members, Marriages & Baptisms, 1746-1796*. Morristown (1893). 8vo. Pp. 32. See Whippany.

Hardwick. Yellow Frame Presbyterian. Session Records, from May 5, 1823 to date; Trustees' Records, defective; Baptisms, Marriages, Deaths and Roll of Members, from 1823 to date. The old records, 1767-1823, were destroyed by fire.

Hardyston. North Presbyterian Church. Elders and members, from 1819, in *Hardyston Memorial: A History of the Township and the North Presbyterian Church, Hardyston, Sussex County, N. J.*, by the Rev. Alanson Haines, Pastor. Newton, 1888. Pp. 174-181.

Harlingen. Reformed (Dutch) Church. Members, 1727 to date; Marriages, 1799 to date.

Hightstown. Baptist Church. Organized 1745; Minutes, Nov. 1, 1745, to 1903 (a break of several years during the Revolution); Baptisms, Nov. 1, 1745-1903 (compiled partly from the Minutes of the Association); Marriages, none; Deaths, partially from 1745.

Hillsborough. Patent of incorporation to (Rev.) Christian Frederick Feerings, Joseph Cornel, Peter Schenck, Earnestus Van Harlingen, John Hogeland, Abraham Van Beuren and John Probascio, as "The Minister, Elders and Deacons of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Hillsborough in the County of Somerset and Province of New Jersey," April 6, 1775.—Liber A B of Commissions, pp. 182-185, in Secretary of State's office, Trenton. See *Neshanic (New Shannock)*.

Holmdel. Reformed (Dutch). Established 1699. The church has no records prior to 1825. Minutes of Consistory, 1835 to date; Minutes of Trustees, 1839 to date; Baptisms, 1825 to date; Marriages, 1826 to date; Deaths, none; Members, 1839 to date.

Hopewell. Baptist Church, organized 1715. Minutes, partial, 1715-1800; Marriages, partial, 1715-1800; Baptisms, partial, 1715-1800; Deaths, partial, 1715-1800. Patent of incorporation to Reverend Isaac Eaton, John Stout, Esq., David Stout, Captain Zebulon Stout, Benjamin Stout, Timothy Titus, Stephen Barton, Abraham Stout and John Hunt, as "The Trustees of the Baptist Congregation in Hopewell," December 5, 1769.—Liber A B of Commissions, pp. 42-48, in Secretary of State's office, Trenton. See *N. J. Archives*, XVIII, 25.

Kingwood. See *Anwell*.

Kingwood. *Records of the Kingwood Monthly Meeting of Friends, Hunderdon County, New Jersey. Compiled from the minutes and other MSS., beginning in 1744*, by James W. Moore. Flemington, 1909. Svo. Pp. 42. Minutes, 1744-1781; Marriages, 1744-1836; Baptisms (arranged in alphabetical order of family names), 1732-1836; Burials, 1737-1893 (few); Testimonies concerning deceased members, Friends' Sufferings, Certificates of Removals, 1745-1868, pp. 27-41.

Knowlton. Presbyterian. Session Records, from January 8, 1766, to date, the earliest being in German; Trustees' Records, 1841 to date; Baptisms, June, 1841, to date; Marriages, 1875 to date; Deaths, 1875 to date; Members, Nov. 8, 1823, to date. Earlier records of baptisms, marriages, deaths, and members are understood to be in existence, but in private hands. There are 121 baptisms recorded in the Session Records, 1766-1776. A record of Baptisms (more than 600) from January 8, 1776, to October 26, 1810, was discovered about 1880 among the papers of a deceased officer of the church; this record is almost entirely in a German hand.

Knowlton. St. James Protestant Episcopal. Records of Wardens and Vestrymen, from April 13, 1789, to date; Baptisms, May 14, 1769,

to date; Marriages, 1837 to date; Deaths, 1838 to date; Communicants, 1834 to date.

Lamington. Presbyterian Church. Organized 1740 by the people of Jamintunck, Lebanon, Repark, Readington, and Bethlehem. Business accounts from 1740; Session Records, 1809 to date, those previous to 1809 having been lost; committee's records, in abbreviated form, 1740-1783, copied from an older book, doubtless destroyed; church incorporated in 1783, when Trustees were elected, whose records, 1783 to date, are intact; Baptismal Records, fragmentary, 1809-1826; 1826-1882, none in possession of the church, but in the family of the pastor during that period, the Rev. W. W. Blauvelt, D. D.; 1882 to date, the church's records are complete; Marriage Records, same as Baptisms; Death Records, same as Baptisms—fragmentary, 1809-1826; full, 1832 to date. Contributors, 1740-1809; Elders and Members, 1809 to date, in *Manual of Lamington Church, Presbytery of Elizabeth, New Jersey* (Somerville, 1890). Sq. 12mo. pp. 48.

Lebanon. Reformed (Dutch). Minutes from 1769; Baptisms, 1768 to date; Members, 1817 to date.

Leighton, formerly Peter's Valley, now Upper Walpack. Reformed (Dutch). See Walpack.

Little Egg Harbor. Friends' Monthly Meeting. Minutes, 1715-1762, 1784-1881; Births and Deaths, 1695-1886. Women's Minutes, 1715-1737, 1817-1873. Original Records in Friends' Library, Philadelphia.

Lower Mansfield. Friends' Preparative Meeting. List of Members, 1831. Original Records in Friends' Library, Philadelphia.

Lower Walpack. See Walpack.

Lyons Farms. Baptist. Proceedings, Baptisms, Marriages, 1760-1801.—*Proceedings New Jersey Historical Society*, Third Series, Vol. I, pp. 162-177; Vol. II, pp. 57-64, 119-130, 153-163. Marriages, 1795-1800.—*New Jersey Archives*, Vol. XXII, pp. 599-604.

Madison. Presbyterian. Session Records, 1795 to date; Trustees' Records, 1757 to date; Baptisms, 1802 to date; Marriages, 1813 to date; Members, 1795 to date. No separate record of deaths, but some memoranda opposite the names on the roll, beginning at a very recent date.

Mahwah. Evangelical Lutheran. The ecclesiastical name was "Rembachische Evangelische Luthringsche Gemeinde," or "Ramapo Evangelical Lutheran Church." It was also known as the Island Church. The building was at Mahwah, Bergen County, and was used by the Lutherans and the Reformed Dutch people in the neighborhood. It is understood to have been disbanded nearly one hundred years ago. The earliest church records date back to 1750, and all are in somewhat fragmentary condition, and are in private hands. They were entered in German, and the present writer made a careful transcript and translation in November, 1894. Records of Consistory, from 1769 to 1774; Baptisms,

1750-1791, quite complete; four others thence to 1817; the baptismal register appears to have been quite carefully kept until about 1784.

Maplewood. Tombstone inscriptions (25), 1890. In *New Jersey Historical Society*.

Marlboro (formerly Freehold and Middletown). Reformed (Dutch). Members, 1710-1830; Marriages, 1730-1851; Baptisms, 1700-1851; Consistories, 1710-1851. Copy in *Holland Society of New York*.

Metuchen. Presbyterian. Minutes, etc., begin 1784.

Middlesex County Clerk's Marriage Records, 1795-1800.—*New Jersey Archives*, Vol. XXII, pp. 629-642.

Middletown. Baptist Church, organized 1688. Minutes, 1711 to date, with some gaps; Baptisms, 1712 to date; Marriages, none; Deaths, none. Some of the original records are in the possession of the church, and others, with a copy of the church records, in private hands in New York.

Middletown. Christ Protestant Episcopal. This church was founded in 1702, but for one hundred and fifty years was connected with Christ Church, Shrewsbury. In 1854 it began a separate existence, and its records of baptisms, marriages, deaths, and communicants date only from that year.

Middletown. Reformed (Dutch). See Marlboro.

Middletown, Richland, Solebury, Wrightstown, and Quakertown. Friends' Meetings, 1680-1870. Copy (all in one volume) in *Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania*.

Middletown. Tombstone inscriptions (44) from Hendrickson graveyard, 1802. In *New Jersey Historical Society*.

Millstone. Reformed (Dutch). Baptisms, 1767 to date. Officers, 1776-1866; Members, 1760-1866. In *Historical Discourse on the Centennial Anniversary*, by the Rev. Edward Tanjore Corwin. New York, 1866, pp. 93-113. Some loose books and papers, not arranged or classified, are deposited in the Gardner A. Sage Library, New Brunswick.

Minisink. Reformed (Dutch). Minutes of Consistory, 1765 to date; Baptisms, 1817 to date; Marriages, 1817 to date; Deaths, 1817 to date; Members, 1817 to date.

Monmouth County Presbyterians. Patent of incorporation to John Little, junior, Christopher Longstreet, Jonathan Forman, Esqr., John Anderson, Esqr., James Robinson, John Henderson, Stephen Pangborne, Esqr., Robert Imlay and Tobias Polhemus, as "The Trustees of the Presbyterian Church of Monmouth County," February 21, 1749-50. Liber C2 of Commissions, pp. 190-195, in Secretary of State's office, Trenton. See *New Jersey Archives*, Vol. XVI, p. 221.

Monmouth County. Tombstone Inscriptions: Presbyterian Burying Ground, Middletown; Hendrickson Burying Ground, Middletown; Tallman Burying Ground on Pumpkin Point, Shrewsbury; Baptist Church Burying Ground, Middletown; Topanemus Burying Ground,

Marlboro; Christ Church (Episcopal) Graveyard, Middletown; Golden Burying Ground, Middletown; the Ancient Lippit or Taylor Burying Ground, Middletown; the Hartshorne Burying Ground, Middletown—in the *Town Book of Old Middletown*, Freehold, 1883. Svo. Pp. 59-63; *The Quaker Records of Shrewsbury, 1674-1721*, pp. 55-66; some baptisms, 1659-1733, pp. 66-70. See Middletown.

Montague. Reformed Dutch. Consistory Records, from 1785 to date; Baptisms, 1817 to date; Marriages, 1817 to date; Deaths, 1818 to date; Members, 1816 to date. The church also has a record of twenty-one members received prior to 1816, with no dates attached.

Montville. Reformed (Dutch). Marriages, 1826-1873; Baptisms, 1786-1870. Copy in Holland Society of New York.

Morristown. *Record of the First Presbyterian Church of Morristown. History and Records of the Trustees and Session, 1742-1882*, pp. 240, 192, 168. *Combined Registers, of Births, Marriages, Deaths, and Communicants, 1742-1885*, pp. 328. Morristown, 1881-1885. Large Svo.

Morristown. Baptist Church, organized 1752. Minutes, sparse to 1800; Baptisms, sparse to 1800; Marriages, none; Deaths, occasional.

Morristown. *Bill of Mortality, being a register of all the deaths in the Presbyterian and Baptist congregations, 1768-1806*. Morristown, 1806. Svo. Pp. 112 (actually 116).

Mt. Bethel. Baptist Church, organized 1767. Minutes of Trustees, two volumes; the other records are understood to have been carried away by a former pastor prior to 1870.

Mount Holly. Friends' Monthly Meeting. Minutes, 1776-1793, 1827-1828; Marriages, 1753-1827; Births and Deaths, 1721-1828. Women's Minutes, 1815-1821. Preparative Meeting, List of Members, 1831. Original Records in Friends' Library, Philadelphia. See also Burlington, Mount Holly, and Quakertown.

Mount Holly. St. Andrew's (Protestant Episcopal). Patent of incorporation to the Rev. Colin Campbell, Thomas Budd, John Murrow, Esq., John Clark, Thomas Reynolds, Samuel Woolston, William Woolston, Thomas Cooper, Daniel Jones, junior, John Budd, William Budd, William Budd, junior, of New Hanover, Daniel Toy, James Dobbins, senior, and John Goldin, as "The Minister, Church Wardens and Vestry Men of the church of St. Andrew in Mount Holly," October 28, 1765. —Liber AAA of Commissions, p. 405, in Secretary of State's office, Trenton.

Mount Olive. Baptist. Session Records, 1775 to date; Baptisms, 1775 to date; Marriages, none; Deaths, 1775 to date; Members, 1775 to date. The first record, June 17, 1775, speaks of the old record (from 1753?) being "full and considerably shattered," hence a new record begun.

Musconetcong. See Amwell.

Navasink. Reformed (Dutch). See Marlboro.

Newark. First Presbyterian Church. A copy of the charter, June 7, 1753, is printed in the *Minutes of the Synod of New Jersey for 1993*. See *New Jersey Archives*, Vol. XVI, p. 429. Minutes, etc., 1781 to date. Registers of Members, Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths, 1850 to date.

Newark. Trinity Church (Protestant Episcopal). Patent to (Rev.) Edward Vaughan, John Schuyler, Josiah Ogden, George Larting, David Ogden, John Ludlow, David Ogden, junior, William Kingsland, William Turner, George Vrelandt, Daniel Pierson, Roger Kingsland and Emanuel Cocker, and the rest of the congregation of the Church inhabitants of Newark, Second River, New Barbadoes Neck, and Acquachnong, as "The Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of Trinity Church at Newark," February 4, 1745.—Liber C2 of Commissions, pp. 105-110, in Secretary of State's office, Trenton.

On petition from the Rector, Church Wardens and major part of the Vestrymen of Trinity Church, the former patent of incorporation was revoked and annulled, and a new charter granted to Isaac Brown (Rector), John Schuyler, Josiah Ogden, David Ogden, John Ludlow, David Ogden, junior, William Kingsland, William Turner, George Vrelandt, Daniel Pierson, Roger Kingsland, Emanuel Cocker and Richard Broadberry and the rest of the congregation of the church, inhabitants of Newark, Second River, New Barbadoes Neck and Acquachnong by the name and stile of "The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry Men of Trinity Church at Newark," February 10, 1746-7.—Liber C2 of Commissions, pp. 142-149, in Secretary of State's office, at Trenton. Printed in *The Days of Old. A Centennial Discourse delivered in Trinity Church, Newark, N. J., February 22, 1849*, by Matthew H. Henderson, M. A., Rector, Newark, 1849, pp. 47-53. The regular registers of the church have been preserved since 1866. Tombstone inscriptions (about 215) and copy of register of deaths. In New Jersey Historical Society.

Newark. Tombstone Inscriptions in Burying Grounds in Newark and vicinity, copied very carefully in 1847 by Dr. John S. Condit, and bound up in one volume, pp. 218. In N. J. Historical Society.

Newark. List of Deaths, from the *Centinel of Freedom*, Newark, 1796-1810.—*Proceedings New Jersey Historical Society*, Third Series, Vol. I, pp. 17-31.

New Brunswick. Christ Church (Protestant Episcopal). Patent of incorporation to (Rev.) Robert McKean, Edward Antill, Peter Campbell, William Mercer, Francis Costigin, Samuel Campbell, Brook Farmer, William Harrison, Francis Brasier, Philip French, Anthony White, Paul Miller, Joseph Vickars, Patrick Riley and Bernardus Legrange, and the rest of the communicants and members of Christ Church in the city of New Brunswick, as "The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of Christ Church in New Brunswick," November 2, 1761.—Liber C2 of Commissions, pp. 244-252, in the Secretary of State's office, Trenton. The original charter was lost during the Revolution. An abstract is printed

in *A Record of Christ Church, New-Brunswick, Diocese of New-Jersey*, by the Rev. Alfred Stubbs, Rector of the Parish, New York, 1850, pp. 51-52. See *New Jersey Archives*, XVII, p. 206. Marriage Records, 1758-1778.—*N. J. Archives*, XXII, pp. 620-624.

New Brunswick. Reformed (Dutch). Baptisms, 1717 to date; Officers and Members, 1717 to date; Marriages, 1794 to date; early consistorial records quite imperfect; Officers and Members, 1717-1867, printed in the Rev. Dr. Richard H. Steele's "Historical Discourse at the 150th anniversary of the church," New Brunswick, 1867, pp. 206-223. Marriages, 1794-1900.—*N. J. Archives*, XXII, pp. 625-628. The charter of the five churches—Raritan, North Branch, New Brunswick, Six Mile Run, and Millstone—dated June 7, 1753, is printed in *Historical Discourse delivered at the celebration of the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the First Reformed Dutch Church, New Brunswick, N. J., October 1, 1867*, by Richard H. Steele, D. D., Pastor of the church, New Brunswick, 1-67, pp. 199-202; also in *Fifty Years at Raritan. Eight Memorial Sermons, with Notes for a History of the Reformed Dutch Churches in Somerset County, N. J.*, by Abraham Messler, D. D., Pastor of the Church at Raritan, New York, 1873, pp. 318-323. See also *N. J. Archives*, XVI, pp. 386, 429.

New Brunswick. First Presbyterian. "Minutes from 1784 have been kept with great regularity." Registers of Marriages, Baptisms and Deaths, not so full.

New Germantown. Zion Evangelical Lutheran. Minutes, 1749, and 1767 to date; other records and registers, 1767 to date. The original charter, 1767, is preserved by the church: printed nearly in full in *Our Home, Somerville*, 1873, pp. 120-121. *Records of the Corporation of Zion in New Germantown in West Jersey. Births and Baptisms*. Contributed by Ben Van D. Fisher.—*N. Y. Gen. and Bio. Record*, XXXI to XXXIV. (1900-1903.) Full and exact transcripts from the records.

Neshanic. Reformed (Dutch). Minutes, from 1757; Baptisms, from 1760; Marriages, from 1760. Patent of incorporation to (Rev.) Johannes Martinus Van Harlingen, Philip Van Artsdalen, Cornelius Sebring, Martinus Hooglandt, Joshua Coshun, John Verbryk and John Van Dyck, the present Minister, Elders and Deacons, and all such as now are or hereafter shall be admitted members of said Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of New Shannick, as "The Ministers, Elders and Deacons of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of New Shannick in Hillsborough in the County of Somerset and Province of New Jersey," April 6, 1775.—*Liber AB of Commissions*, pp. 178-181, in Secretary of State's office, Trenton. See Hillsborough.

New Providence. Presbyterian. Session Records from 1737 to date; Trustees' Records, 1756 to date; Baptisms, 1827 to date; Marriages and deaths, none. No attempt was made in the earlier books to keep sessional records separate from the records of parish meetings. The secular

business of the congregation was transacted in the earlier years in parish meetings instead of by trustees. It has never been the practice of this church to preserve a record of deaths or marriages.

Newton, Sussex County. Christ's Church. Patent of incorporation to (Rev.) Uzal Ogden, junior, Nathaniel Pettit, Archibald Stewart, Edward Pigot, William Hall, Nathan Armstrong, Amos Pettit, John Pettit, Charles Pettit, Thomas Anderson, John B. Scot, James Shaw, and other inhabitants of New Town in the county of Sussex with the rest of the inhabitants of Newtown in communion with the Church of England, as "The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of Christ's Church at New Town, in the county of Sussex and province of New Jersey," A. D. 1774. (No month nor day.)—Liber AB of Commissions, pp. 159-167, in the Secretary of State's office, Trenton. Original, dated August 15, 1774, in possession of the church. Church records: Trustees' minutes, from 1827; Baptisms, from 1820; Marriages, from 1821; Deaths, from 1843; Communicants, 1824 to date.

Newton, Camden County. Friends' records of Marriages at Burlington, Salem, Newton (now in Camden county), Haddonfield, Chester (Moorestown), Evesham, and Woodbury Creek—particularly of members of Newton families—are given in *Sketches of the First Immigrant Settlers of Newton Township, Old Gloucester County, West New Jersey*, by John Clement, Camden, 1877, pp. 387-411. See Haddonfield.

North Branch. Reformed (Dutch). See Readington.

Northfield. Baptist Church, organized 1788. The early registers of Marriages, Baptisms and Deaths were not kept in the Church Book, but in the private records of the different pastors, who carried them away when they left.

Old Springfield. Friends' Preparative Meeting. List of Members, 1831. Original Records in Friends' Library, Philadelphia.

Orange. First Presbyterian. Some fragmentary manuscript records kept by the Rev. Caleb Smith, 1759-1762, and by the Rev. Jedidiah Chapman, 1766-1784, and preserved in private hands, give lists of members in 1756, and 1756-1762, 1766-1783; Baptisms, 1766-1784. In *History of the Oranges*, by Stephen Wickes, M. D., Newark, 1892, pp. 149-153, 206-210.

Orange. Tombstone Inscriptions from the public cemetery, 1847; pp. 154. In N. J. Historical Society.

Paramus. Reformed (Dutch). Members, 1790 to date; Baptisms, 1740 to date; Marriages, 1799 to date. Copy of the record of Members, 1790; and Baptisms, 1740-1850, in Holland Society of New York. Marriages, 1799-1801.—*N. J. Archives*, XXII, pp. 549-551.

Passaic. Reformed (Dutch), formerly the Acquackanonk. Members, 1726 to date; Marriages, 1725 to date; Baptisms, 1692 to date; Consistories, 1694 to date. A copy of these records to 1816 is in the Holland Society of New York. The earlier records of members and baptisms

were kept in the Hackensack church. The records have been published in part in *The Church Tablet*, a periodical issued by the pastor, beginning with Vol. I, No. 10, October, 1893.

Paterson. *History of the Old Dutch Church at Totowa* (now the First Reformed), *Paterson, New Jersey, 1755-1827*. By William Nelson. *Baptistal Register (in the original Dutch), 1756-1808*. Svo. Pp. 170.

Paterson. Second Reformed. *The Pastor and the Church*, etc. New York, 1896. Svo. Pp. 172, xxiii. Communicants, pp. 23; Baptisms, pp. 23; Marriages, pp. 22. The registers are given in substance, from 1827, when the church was organized.

Paterson. *The First Presbyterian Church of Paterson, New Jersey. I. Minutes of the Board of Trustees, 1813-1891. II. Miscellaneous Documents. III. Minutes of the Session, 1813-1892. Compiled and edited, with notes*, by William Nelson. Paterson, N. J. 1893. Svo. Pp. vi, 456; Index, pp. 457-482. The records of baptisms, marriages, deaths, and communicants of this church have been for the most part well kept and carefully preserved; but some of the marriage records were carried off by a former pastor (who performed the marriage ceremony), and are in a Western Historical Society.

Peapack (or Pepack). See Lamington.

Pemberton. Baptist Church, organized, 1764. Records prior to 1800 burned.

Penn's Neck. Swedish-Lutheran Church Records. Copy in Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania.

Perseppeny. Reformed (Dutch). See Montville.

Perth Amboy. Friends' Records. See Rahway.

Perth Amboy. St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal. Established perhaps before 1700; chartered, 1718; church site donated, 1719; church erected, 1720-1721. Vestry minutes, 1721-1774, 1782 to date. Considerable early records of minutes, etc. Patent of incorporation to Thomas Gordon, George Willocks, William Eler, John Barclay, James Alexander, and John Stevens, and the rest of the inhabitants of said town of Perth Amboy in communion with the Church of England, as "The Church Wardens and Vestry of St. Peter's Church in Perth Amboy." July 30 1718.—Liber C2 of Commissions, pp. 15-21, in Secretary of State's office, Trenton.

Perth Amboy. Tombstone inscriptions (66) prior to 1800. In New Jersey Historical Society.

Peter's Valley. See Leighton.

Pilesgrove. Friends' Monthly Meeting. Minutes, 1827-1830; Births and Deaths, 1756-1829. Women's Minutes, 1828-1830. Original records in Friends' Library, Philadelphia.

Piscataway. Baptist Church, organized 1689. Minutes, 1781-1800; Baptisms, 1781-1800; Marriages, none; Deaths, occasional.

Piscataway. Seventh Day Baptist. Records begin 1705, very im-

perfect. Marriage Records, 1745-1776.—*New Jersey Archives*, XXII, 643-647. These records were found a few years ago in Western Pennsylvania, and a copy made, from which they have been published as above.

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Piscataway. License to John Borrowe, Henry Prince (and four others), inhabitants of the town of Piscataway, in the county of Middlesex, communicants of the Church of England, to erect a Church of England, November 10, 1712.—Liber AAA of Commissions, p. 139, in Secretary of State's office, Trenton.

Piscataway. St. James's Protestant Episcopal. The old records were destroyed by fire many years ago. The present Church book dates from 1825.

Piscataway. Abstracts from Town Book Register of Births, 1663-1793. Published (in alphabetical order of surnames), in *New Jersey Historical Society Proceedings, Third Series*, II, 73-80, 163-176; III, 10-18.

Piscataway. Tombstone inscriptions (80) of dates prior to 1800, copied in 1849. In *New Jersey Historical Society*.

Pittsgrove. Presbyterian. Organized April 30, 1741, as the Pilesgrove Presbyterian Church. Minutes from 1741, somewhat fragmentary.

Pittsgrove. Baptist Church. About 1741, but not formally organized until May 15, 1771. Minutes from 1771, quite imperfect.

Plainfield. Friends' Monthly Meeting. See Rahway.

Pluckemin. Tombstone inscriptions (26) in the old burying ground; copied in 1842. In *New Jersey Historical Society*.

Pluckemin. Epitaphs (20) from Lutheran burying ground, with notes. In *New Jersey Historical Society*.

Pompton. Reformed (Dutch). Some tombstone data of this church are published in *New Jersey Historical Society Proceedings, Third Series*, II, 23-24.

Pompton Plains. Reformed (Dutch). Members, 1737 to date; Baptisms, 1734 to date; Marriages, 1736 to date. Members, 1737; Marriages, 1736-1809; Baptisms, 1734-1871. Copy in Holland Society of New York.

Preakness. Reformed (Dutch). Baptisms, 1831-1902; Marriages, 1842-1902; Deaths, 1837-1902, and tombstone inscriptions in neighboring burying grounds. In *Preakness and the Preakness Reformed Church, Passaic County, New Jersey. A History. 1695-1902. With Genealogical Notes, the Records of the Church, and Tombstone Inscriptions*, by George Warne Labaw, pastor of the church, New York, 1902. 8vo. Pp. 252-315.

Princeton. First Presbyterian. Session records, 1805 to date, some earlier dates, scattering; Trustees' Records, 1760 to date; Baptisms, 1847 to date; Marriages, 1848 to date; Deaths, 1800 to date; Members, 1795 to date.

Quakertown. Friends' Monthly Meeting. See Burlington, Mt. Holly, and Quakertown.

Quakertown. Friends' Meeting, 1713-1870. Copy in Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania. See Middletown.

Rahway and Plainfield Monthly Meeting of Friends (formerly held at Amboy and Woodbridge). Marriage records, 1687-1825.—*New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, VIII, pp. 179-181; IX, 28-37. Births, 1705-1793.—*Ibid*, IX, 64-71, 174-180; X, 20-23, 133-143; XI, 42-46. Copy, 1687-1871, in Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania.

Readington (formerly North Branch). Reformed (Dutch). Minutes, 1719 to date; Members, 1721 to date; Baptisms, 1721 to date. Consistories, 1719-1881; Members, 1721-1881, in the *History of the Reformed Church, at Readington, N. J., 1719-1881*, by the Rev. Henry P. Thompson, New York, 1882, pp. 95-132.

Readington. Presbyterian. See Lamington.

Richland. Friends' Meeting. See Middletown, Richland, etc.

Ringoes. St. Andrew's church. See Amwell.

Rockaway (Morris County). Presbyterian. Elders, 1758-1878; Trustees, 1757-1873; Members, 1758-1878. In *Historical Manual of the Rockaway Presbyterian Church, compiled by the Pastor, the Rev. D. E. Platter*, Trenton, N. J., 1880, pp. 27-55.

Saddle River. Zion's Evangelical Lutheran. Church minutes from 1800 to date; Communicants, 1778 to date; Baptisms, 1772 to date; Marriages, 1820 to date; Deaths, 1820 to date.

Salem. First Baptist Church, organized 1755. Minutes, sparse to 1800; Baptisms, sparse to 1800; Marriages, none before 1800; Deaths, occasional, 1755 to date.

Salem. Friends' Monthly Meeting. Minutes, 1676-1854, Births and Deaths, 1686-1883. Women's Minutes, 1682-1835. Original Records in Friends' Library, Philadelphia. Copy (1676-1838) in Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania.

Salem County. Friends' Records Quarterly Meeting, Women's Minutes. See Gloucester, Salem, and Cape May.

Schraalenburgh. Reformed (Dutch). Records of Baptisms, Marriages, Communicants, and Officers, 1724-1801.—*Collections Holland Society*, Vol. II, New York, 1891. 8vo, pp. 387. Marriages, 1724-1801, in alphabetical order.—*N. J. Archives*, XXII, 515-552.

Scotch Plains. Baptist Church, organized 1747. Minutes, September, 1747, to date; Baptisms, September, 1747, to date; Marriages, very few; Deaths, none, except an occasional note of death of some prominent member of the church. Marriages, 1758-1761.—*N. J. Archives*, XXII, 647-649.

Second River. Reformed (Dutch). See Belleville.

Shrewsbury. Christ Church (Protestant Episcopal). Patent of incorporation to William Leeds, Henry Leonard, John Throckmorton, Samuel Osborn, Thomas Morford, James Hutchins, Jeremiah Stilwell, John

Redford, Jacob Dennis, Paul Hill, Benjamin Cooper, Pontius Stelle, Samuel Pintard, Anthony Pintard, Josiah Holmes, and the rest of the inhabitants of the town of Shrewsbury and Middletown in communion with the Church of England, as "The Minister, Church Wardens, and Vestry of Christ's Church in the town of Shrewsbury," June 3, 1738.—Liber C2 of Commissions, pp. 150-154, in Secretary of State's Office, Trenton. Minutes, Vol. I, May 1st, 1747-March 15th, 1854; Vol. II, 1854, to date. Parish Register, Vol. I, Baptisms, January 6, 1733-1824; Marriages, February 2, 1734-1824; Burials, September 8, 1734-1824; Vol. II, 1824, to date. This church originally included St. Peter's, Freehold, and the records cover all parts of the then county of Monmouth—Allentown, Freehold, Middletown Point (*i. e.* Matawan), Amboy, Cranbury, and Brunswick, besides points in what is now known as Ocean County. The minutes commence with this entry: "May 1st, 1747, at a meeting of the Vestry for the county of Monmouth." On the fly leaf of the Parish Register is inscribed: "Record Book of the Episcopal Churches in Monmouth County, New Jersey, From 1733." Communicants, 1841 to date.

Shrewsbury. Friends' Monthly Meeting. Births, 1641-1869; Marriages, 1674-1853; Deaths, 1666-1876. Copy in Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania.

Shrewsbury. Friends' Records. Marriages, and Births, 1674 to date; Minutes, 1735 to date. See Monmouth County.

Shrewsbury. *Inscriptions on Gravestones. Taken from the Runsen Burialing Ground, Shrewsbury, N. J.* By Rev. William White Hance.—*N. Y. Genealogical and Biographical Record*, XXXIV. (1903.) Substance of inscriptions.

Shrewsbury. Presbyterian. Session Records, 1755-1868, 1821 to date; Minutes of Trustees, 1824 to date, with sundry omissions in the earlier years; Baptisms, 1786 to date; Marriages, 1852 to date; Deaths, 1852 to date; Members, 1785 to date. No minutes before 1821. The various clergymen seem to have considered the marriage records their private property, and carried them away on leaving the church.

Six-Mile-Run. Reformed (Dutch). Baptisms, 1743-1805. Original records deposited in the Gardner A. Sage Library, New Brunswick.

Solebury. Friends' Meeting. See Middletown, Richland, etc.

Somerville (formerly Raritan). Reformed (Dutch). Minutes, 1649, and from 1721 to date; Members, 1699 to date; Baptisms, 1699 to date; Marriages, 1700 to date.

South Plainfield (originally Samptown). Baptist Church. Organized, 1792. Minutes, 1792-1903, excepting 1800 to 1803, which were lost; Baptisms, 1793-1903; Deaths, 1801-1903; Marriages, no records kept by the church, but by the pastors as their private property.

Spotswood. St. Peter's. Patent of incorporation to Reverend William Ayres, the Right Honorable David Carnegie, Esquire, commonly

called Lord Rosehill, John Lewis Johnson, Frederick Bucklew, John Rue, Thomas Newton, John Beclay, junior, Joseph Perrine, James Rue, David Stout, Samuel Neilson, Richard Lott, James Abrahams, and John Perrine, and the rest of the inhabitants of Spotswood, in connection with the Church of England, as "Minister, Church Wardens and Vestry of Saint Peter's Church in the town of Spotswood," November 23, 1773.—Liber A.B. of Commissions, pp. 143-153, in Secretary of State's office, Trenton.

Springfield (Union County). Presbyterian. Session Records from 1802 to date; Records of Trustees, 1824 to date; Baptisms, 1818 to date; Marriages, 1818 to date; Deaths 1818-1828; Members, 1802 to date, with some notes of deaths and dismissions. Township Records of Marriages, Births and Deaths, 1842 to 1860, or later, in keeping of the Town Clerk.

Springfield. Inscriptions (340) from stones standing in 1901 in the second cemetery west of the church. In New Jersey Historical Society.

Succasunna. Inscriptions (162) from Succasunna graveyard, 1855. In New Jersey Historical Society.

Swedesboro. Lutheran. Patent of incorporation to John Wiksew, Thomas Denny, John Denny, Lawrence Lock, John Lock, John Rambo, James Steelman, John Helme, and Benjamin Rambo, and the rest of the communicants in said church as "The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church in the town of Sweedsborough near Raccoon Creek," A. D. 1765.—Liber A.A.A. of Commissions, pp. 420-5, in Secretary of State's office, Trenton.

Swedesboro. Trinity Church (originally Swedish Evangelical Lutheran, now Protestant Episcopal, in the Diocese of New Jersey). Baptisms, 1713-1815; Marriages, 1714-1814; Burials, 1713-1814; also later records. Copy in Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania.

Tennent. Old Tennent (Presbyterian). Minutes of Session mostly destroyed by fire in 1869; a few scanty records prior to that date have been gathered up; Members, scattering but extensive records up to 1869; thence to date; Baptisms, 1731-1778, 1784-1817, 1873 to date; Marriages, a few scattering records to 1869; thence to date; Deaths, most of the records from 1703 to date; many genealogical notes are being gathered by the pastor, the Rev. Frank R. Symmes. Baptismal Records, 1735-1769, and early burials in neighboring cemeteries, in *History of the Old Tennent Church, with Biographical Sketches of its Pastors*, written by the Rev. Frank R. Symmes, Fifteenth Pastor, Freehold, 1897 8vo, pp. 118-143.

Trenton. First Presbyterian. Organized, 1712; Church built, 1726; rebuilt 1805, and again in 1839. From the very interesting and valuable *History of the Presbyterian Church in Trenton*, by the former pastor, the Rev. Dr. John Hall, it appears that the early records were destroyed. In view of the inaccuracies and errors which gradually crept into the Register of the Church in times past, the session of the Church

in 1841 resolved to revise the Register, correct it as far as the information to be obtained on the most careful inquiry might render it possible, and to transcribe it when corrected in a new book, which was done in the year 1842. The first name on the first page of the Register of Communicants is under date of 1806. The records in the possession of the church are as follows: Minutes of Trustees, from 1757 to date; Session Records, 1806 to date; Baptisms, 1806 to date; Marriages, 1806 to date; Deaths, 1806 to date; Members, 1806 to date. List of Pastors, 1736-1904; Elders, 1760-1904; Deacons, 1771-1904; Trustees, 1756-1904; Communicants, at the end of 1903; Pew Holders, at the end of 1903, and other data,—in a very beautifully-printed *Manual of the Religious Society or Congregation of Christians, usually known as the First Presbyterian Church of Trenton, New Jersey*, Trenton, 1903, pp. 9-29.

Upper Evesham. Friends' Monthly Meeting. Minutes, 1794-1836; Births and deaths, 1693-1882; Women's Minutes, 1794-1857. Original records in Friends' Library, Philadelphia.

Upper Springfield. Friends' Monthly Meeting. Minutes, 1783-1844; Marriages, 1783-1830; Births and Deaths, 1717-1833; List of Members, 1783. Women's Minutes, 1783-1828. Original Records in Friends' Library, Philadelphia. Records, 1785-1827. Copy in Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania.

Upper Walpack. See Walpack.

Walpack. Reformed Dutch, organized 1737. The legal and ecclesiastical title is "The Church of Walpack," and comprises under one charter four separate churches, each having a pastor of its own. Two of these churches, one at Dingmans Ferry, Pa., and the other in Leighton, New Jersey, formerly Peter's Valley, New Jersey, comprise what is now designated as the Upper Walpack Reformed Congregation. Two other churches, one at Bushkill, Pa., and the other in Flatbrookville, New Jersey, comprise what is now designated as the Lower Walpack Congregation. The separation of the Upper and Lower Walpack churches under separate pastors occurred in 1855. The recent church records were burned in a fire in Flatbrookville, in the autumn of 1902. The early records, to a comparatively recent date, comprise Minutes of Consistory, Baptisms, Marriages, and Members, from 1741. See *Historical Discourse*, by S. W. Mills, Ellenville, N. Y., 1874.

Walpack Township, Sussex County. Old Dutch Church. Baptisms and Marriages, 1741-1810. Copy in Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania.

Wantage. First Baptist Church, organized 1756. All the records prior to 1850 were lost some years ago. The church keeps no records of marriages, such records having been kept by the several pastors as their private property.

Wantage. Second Baptist Church, organized 1798. No records prior to 1800, and few since.

Washington. First Presbyterian. Minutes of Session, 1846 to date; Minutes of Trustees, 1787 to date; Baptisms, 1851 to date; Deaths, 1861 to date; Marriages, 1851 to date; Members, 1821 to date.

Westfield. Presbyterian Church. Members, Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths, nearly complete, from 1759 to date. Copy also in private hands in Westfield. The records prior to 1759 were burned by a young man to destroy a record of discipline against him. A complete history of the church, including records of all the membership and all the marriages, arranged alphabetically, and a great portion of the baptisms, together with biographical sketches of all the pastors, and other data, has been for twenty years in course of preparation by the Rev. Newton W. Cadwell, of Atlantic City, formerly pastor of the Westfield church. Copy of records of communicants, renewers of covenants, etc., in N. J. Historical Society.

Whippany and Hanover. *Inscriptions on the Tombstones and Monuments in the Graveyards at Whippany and Hanover, Morristown, 1894.* 8vo. Pp. 93. See Hanover.

Woodbridge. Friends' Monthly Meeting. Minutes, 1686-1723. Copy in Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania.

Woodbridge. Record of Marriages, Births and Deaths, transcribed literally from Liber A. and Liber B., Town Books; also Friends' Marriages, Woodbridge and vicinity, in *History of Woodbridge and Vicinity*, by the Rev. Joseph W. Dally, New Brunswick, 1873, pp. 314-363. See, also, Rahway.

Woodbridge. Inscriptions (396) of dates prior to 1800, from cemeteries of Woodbridge, 1849. In New Jersey Historical Society.

Woodbury. Friends' Monthly Meeting. Minutes, 1783-1862; Marriages, 1786-1862; Births and Deaths, 1702-1895. Women's Minutes, 1785-1872. Original Records in Friends' Library, Philadelphia.

Wrightstown. Friends' Meeting. See Middletown, Richland, etc.

APPENDIX.

Burlington. Friends' Meetings. Copious extracts from the minutes of Burlington Monthly Meeting (beginning 15th of 5 mo. 1678), of the Quarterly Meeting (beginning 29th of 9 mo. 1681), and of the Yearly Meeting (beginning 28th of 6 mo. 1681); also marriages in Burlington Monthly Meeting up to 1759, List of Ministers, 1678-1881—in *Friends in Burlington*, by Amelia Mott Gummere. Philadelphia, 1884. 8vo. Pp. 100.

Connecticut Farms. Presbyterian. Session Records from 1800 to date; Trustees' Records, 1789 to date; Baptisms, 1809 to date; Marriages, 1800 to date; Deaths, 1813 to date; Members, 1813 to date.

Deerfield. Presbyterian Church. Log house built about 1737; replaced 1771 by a new church, which was enlarged 1839. Apparently under one Session with Greenwich until 1760. Minutes of Meetings of

Congregation from 1792, with many gaps; Session Records, 1795 to date, with some gaps; Members, 1801 to date; other records fairly complete from 1831. Some miscellaneous papers as far back as 1747.

Greenwich (Cumberland County). Presbyterian. Session Records, from November 10, 1744, to date; Trustees' Records, 1791 to date; Baptisms, 1781 to date; Marriages, 1781 to date; Deaths, 1747 to date; Members, 1771 to date. The earliest records are supposed to have been lost when the parsonage was burned, in 1740. The records from 1747 to 1804 are very imperfect. The church has a deed, dated April 24th, 1717, for "one acre of land in trust for the people called Presbyterians, on the north side of Cobansey to build and establish a meeting house for the public worship of God." Some subscription lists, from 1735, and extracts from the Minutes, from 1747, are given in *History of the Presbyterian Church, Greenwich, Cumberland County, New Jersey*, by Enoch Fithian, M. D., Bridgeton, 1871, pp. 6-18.

Greenwich (Sussex County). First Presbyterian. Records of Session from 1803 to date; Records of Trustees, 1882 to date; Baptisms, 1801 to date; Marriages, 1798 to date; Deaths, 1834 to date; Members, 1803 to date. The church hopes to come into possession of earlier records soon.

MISCELLANEOUS.

There are about ten thousand marriage bonds on file in the office of the Secretary of State, at Trenton, having been given pursuant to a statute passed in 1719, repealed in 1795. An index to these bonds, giving the names of the men and women named in them as intending marriage, arranged in alphabetical order, is printed in *New Jersey Archives*, XXII, pp. 1-465. The index also includes a considerable number of marriages recorded in the same office, many prior to 1719, and some in a volume of marriage licenses, 254 pages, 1733-1751, containing records of about 1500 marriages.

A list of thirty-seven marriages, 1666-1682, by James Bollen, at Elizabethtown, Woodbridge, and vicinity, recorded in the Secretary of State's office, but omitted from the above index, is given in the writer's *Historical Sketch of the Law of Marriage and Divorce in New Jersey*, Paterson, N. J., 1904.

Roman Catholic baptisms and marriages in New Jersey prior to 1800 were celebrated principally by missionary priests from Philadelphia (no priests being allowed in New York until after the Revolution). Many records of such baptisms and marriages, from Ringwood and Long Pond on the north, to Salem

in the south of New Jersey, are to be found in the registers of St. Joseph's Church. Philadelphia. 1758 to 1800, published in *Records of the American Catholic Historical Society of Philadelphia*, I (1887), II, III, IV, VIII (1897). A few (particularly of Northern New Jersey) are to be found in the Goschenhoppen Registers, 1741-1764, published in the same periodical, II, 316-332; III, 295-398.

The New Jersey Historical Society has a considerable collection of tombstone inscriptions, copied from burying-grounds in various parts of the State, mostly forty years ago. Recently a well-directed, systematic movement has been started by the Woman's Branch of the Society to collect similar inscriptions and preserve them in carefully-indexed manuscript volumes in the Society's library. The plan is to copy the inscriptions in full down to 1850. At this writing substantially all the tombstones (at least all in public burying-grounds and churchyards) in Burlington, Essex, and Monmouth Counties have been copied. The following is a partial list: St. Mary's Church, Burlington 761; Parsippany, about 200; Trinity, Newark, 215; Bloomfield Stone House Plains, about 200; Crosswicks; Lawrenceville, about 300; Connecticut Farms; Belleville, Christ Church burying ground; Princeton, Friends' burying ground; Allentown, Presbyterian; Bordentown grave yard, and Hopkinson family plot; Mansfield, Friends'; Pearsonville, Baptist burying ground. It is also proposed to compile lists of marriages and deaths from the early newspaper files.





